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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5109

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGUI

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 1179

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CF, CM

SUBJ: US/CONGO RELATIONS

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 4157; (B) STATE 250133;  
(C) LIBREVILLE 1095 (NOTAL)

1. CONVERSATION WITH GANGA (REF A) INTERESTING AND  
CONFORMS TO PATTERN OF EVOLUTION CONGOLESE THINKING AS  
SEEN FROM HERE.

2. I HAVE HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS CONGOLESE-U.S. RELATIONS  
WITH BONGO ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN RECENT MONTHS. LATEST  
BEING ON DECEMBER 5 (REF C). BONGO'S PERSONAL RELATIONS  
WITH NGOUABI ARE GOOD AND HIS RELATIONS WITH FELLOW-  
BATEKE FONMIN GANAO EVEN CLOSER. HE SEES THEM BOTH  
OFTEN AND SOMETIMES SEPARATELY. FROM WHAT BONGO TELLS  
ME, GANAO PRESSING FOR RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH U.S.  
AND NGOUABI'S THINKING GRADUALLY MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION.  
MAJOR OBSTACLE APPEARS TO BE NGOUABI'S HESITANCE TO  
OFFEND CERTAIN RADICAL ELEMENTS STILL OPPOSED TO IDEA  
AND WHOSE SUPPORT NGOUABI STILL FEELS HE NEEDS. (NGOUABI  
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COULD EASILY HAVE ASKED TO SEE ME PRIVATELY DURING HIS

RECENT VISIT HERE FOR UDEAC CONFERENCE HAD HE WISHED TO.)

3. ON BALANCE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE NOT TO MENTION  
GANGA'S INITIATIVE IN YAOUNDE TO BONGO OR RAWI I AS IT  
WOULD ADD LITTLE TO WHAT BONGO HAS ALREADY TOLD ME AND  
MIGHT LEAD TO UNWARRANTED GOG SUSPICION USG SEEKING OUT  
OTHER CHANNELS TO GOC.

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